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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

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The present Amendment and Response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 39-50 are pending in the application. Claims 39-50 have been rejected.

Claims 39-42 and 48 have been canceled. Applicant reserves all rights in these canceled claims, to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications. Claims 43 and 44 have been amended. Claims 51-52 have been added.

Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. No new matter has been added.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claim 44 was objected to because of a typographical error in lines 6-7. This error has been corrected.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections over Saito et al in view of Fukahara et al

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 39-41, 43-46 and 48-49 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Saito et al (US 6,184,922 B1) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,501,862 B1 to Fukahara et al. In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that Saito teaches a pre-process that includes correlation double sampling method, which is a method for noise reduction.

Claims 39-41 have been canceled. Applicant has made amendments to independent claim 43 to include "a controller to... pre-process the selected image data by a method selected from a group including applying error correction code, gradient

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evaluation, and detecting edges". In view of this amendment, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant asserts that Saito does not teach or suggest a pre process that includes applying error correction code, or gradient evaluation, or detecting edges, as required by Applicant's independent claim 43 as amended. Fukuhara does not teach or suggest any pre process, and therefore a combination of Saito and Fukuhara does not teach or suggest a pre process that includes applying error correction code, or gradient evaluation, or detecting edges. Applicant therefore asserts that independent claim 43 as amended is allowable over Saito in view of Fukuhara.

As discussed above, independent claim 43 as amended is patentable over Saito in view of Fukuhara. Each of claims 45-46, 49 and amended claim 44 is dependent on amended independent claim 43 and includes all the limitations of this claim. Therefore, dependent claims 44-46 and 49 are likewise allowable.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully request that the rejection of claims 43-46 and 49 under 35 USC §103(a) in view of Saito in view of Fukuhara be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections over Saito et al in view of Fukahara et al in further view of Iddan

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 42 and 50 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Saito et al (US 6,184,922 B1) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,501,862 B1 to Fukahara et al in further view of Iddan et al.

Claim 42 has been canceled. Claim 50, dependent on amended claim 43, includes "a controller to... pre-process the selected image data by a method selected from a group including applying error correction code, gradient evaluation, and detecting edges... wherein the controller is to receive the selected image data from a swallowable capsule". Claim 43 is allowable in view of the above. Neither Saito nor Fukuhara nor Iddan, teaches or suggests a system comprising, inter alia, a controller to pre-process the selected image data by a method selected from a group including applying error correction code, gradient evaluation, and detecting edges, wherein the controller is to receive the selected image data from a swallowable capsule.

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Therefore, dependent claim 50 is allowable in view of Saito in view of Fukuhara and in further view of Iddan.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections over Saito et al in view of Fukahara et al in further view of He et al

The Examiner rejected claim 47 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Saito et al (US 6,184,922 B1) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,501,862 B1 to Fukahara et al in further view of He et al (6,600,517 B1).

Claim 47, dependent on claim 46 which is dependent on amended claim 43, includes "a controller to... pre-process the selected image data by a method selected from a group including applying error correction code, gradient evaluation, and detecting edges... wherein the controller is to post process by a method selected from a group including: image sharpening, color suppression, intensity adjustment, convolution and applying a median filter". He et al teaches post processing circuitry which includes noise reduction algorithms, color correction, scaling, scan-rate conversion, adaptive feature enhancement and other adaptive object based algorithms. He et al does not teach or suggest a system comprising, inter alia, a controller to pre-process the selected image data by a method selected from a group including applying error correction code, gradient evaluation, and detecting edges, wherein the controller is to post process by a method selected from a group including: image sharpening, color suppression, intensity adjustment, convolution and applying a median filter. Therefore, dependent claim 47 is allowable in view of Saito et al in view of Fukuhara et al and in further view of He et al.

New Claims

Applicant has added claims 51-52 to clarify an embodiment of the invention. No new matter has been added in claims 51-52. Applicant's claims 51-52 depend from claim 43, which as discussed, is allowable. Therefore, Applicant asserts that new claims 51-52 are likewise allowable.

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Conclusion

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, pending claims 43-47 and 49-52 are allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

No fees are believed to be due associated with this paper. However, if any such fees are due, please charge such fees to deposit account No. 50-3355.

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